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TAGS: TSPA, TECH, FR

SUBJ: SKYLAB AND FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS

REF: PAIRS 11 526

FOR: SCIATT

1. NASA ALREADY PROVIDED SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE AT FRENCH EMBASSY HERE (PUJES) BY LETTER OF APRIL 13 PERTINENT PRE-LAUNCH INFORMATION, I. E., SKYLAB LAUNCH DATES, MISSION DURATION, PLANNED RECOVERY AREAS, PLANNED ORBITAL INCLINATION AND PERIOD, AND CHART SHOWING GROUND TRACES OF NOMINAL MISSION. PUJES ADVISES THAT INFORMATION WAS PROMPTLY SENT TO CNES. COPY OF LETTER BEING POUCHED.

2. NASA WILL DIRECTLY ADVISE CNES OF EXACT TIME OF FIRST MANNED SKYLAB LAUNCH AND OF ANY CHANGE IN NOMINAL PARAMETERS. SPACECRAFT WILL PASS OVER MURUROA VICINITY AT LEAST TWICE A DAY.

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